

Post Office Department

PARCEL POST INFORMATION.

[The numbered sections mentioned in this pamphlet refer to the parcel post regulations, a copy of which may be consulted at any post office.]

The act of Congress authorizing the establishment of a parcel post system provides that on and after January 1, 1913, fourth class mail matter shall embrace all other matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second, or third class, not exceeding 11 pounds in weight nor greater in size than 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter, and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

Table of rates.

Weight.	First zone.		Second zone, 50 to 150 miles.	Third zone, 150 to 300 miles.	Fourth zone, 300 to 600 miles.	Fifth zone, 600 to 1,000 miles.	Sixth zone, 1,000 to 1,400 miles.	Seventh zone, 1,400 to 1,800 miles.	Eighth zone, all over 1,800 miles.
	Local rate.	Zone rate, 50 miles.							
1 pound.....	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.10	\$0.11	\$0.12
2 pounds.....	.06	.08	.10	.12	.14	.16	.19	.21	.24
3 pounds.....	.07	.11	.14	.17	.20	.23	.28	.31	.36
4 pounds.....	.08	.14	.18	.22	.26	.30	.37	.41	.48
5 pounds.....	.09	.17	.22	.27	.32	.37	.46	.51	.60
6 pounds.....	.10	.20	.26	.32	.38	.44	.55	.61	.72
7 pounds.....	.11	.23	.30	.37	.44	.51	.64	.71	.84
8 pounds.....	.12	.26	.34	.42	.50	.58	.73	.81	.96
9 pounds.....	.13	.29	.38	.47	.56	.65	.82	.91	1.08
10 pounds.....	.14	.32	.42	.52	.62	.72	.91	1.01	1.20
11 pounds.....	.15	.35	.46	.57	.68	.79	1.00	1.11	1.32

The local rate is applicable to parcels intended for delivery at the office of mailing or on a rural route starting therefrom.

DISTINCTIVE STAMPS.

The law requires that on and after January 1, 1913, the postage on all matter of the fourth class must be prepaid by distinctive parcel post stamps affixed (see sec. 3). Postmasters can not receive for mailing parcels that do not bear such stamps.

Parcel post stamps are not valid for the payment of postage on matter of the first, second, and third classes, and, when used for that purpose, the matter to which they are affixed shall be treated as "Held for postage," as prescribed in section 9.

PREPARATION FOR MAILING.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can be easily examined. (See secs. 19 to 37, inclusive.)

A parcel must not be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender, preceded by the word "From."

Postmasters will refuse to receive for mailing parcels not properly indorsed or packed for safe shipment.

WHERE MAILABLE.

Parcels must be mailed at a post office, branch post office, named or lettered station, or such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster, or delivered to a rural or other carrier duly authorized to receive such matter.

Parcels collected on star routes must be deposited in the next post office at which the carrier arrives and postage charged at the rate from that office.

INSURANCE ON PARCELS.

A mailable parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of 10 cents in parcel post stamps, such stamps to be affixed.

UNMAILABLE MATTER.

The following matter is declared nonmailable by law (see secs. 211, 212 and 217 of the Criminal Code of the United States, approved Mar. 4, 1909):

1. Matter manifestly obscene, lewd, or lascivious; articles intended for preventing conception or for procuring abortion; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all matter otherwise mailable by law, the outside cover or wrapper of which bears any delineations or language of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or threatening character.

Spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors of any kind; poisons of every kind, and articles and compositions containing poison (except as prescribed in sec. 19); poisonous animals, insects and reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable materials (which are held to include matches, kerosene oil, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, denatured alcohol, etc.); infernal machines, and mechanical, chemical, or other devices or compositions which may ignite or explode; disease germs or scabs (except as prescribed in sec. 36); and other natural or artificial articles, compositions, or materials of whatever kind which may kill or in any wise injure another or damage the mail or other property.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in detached parts or otherwise; live or dead (and not stuffed) animals, birds, or poultry (except as prescribed in secs. 29 and 34); raw hides or pelts, guano, or any article having a bad odor shall not be admitted to the mails.

A parcel post map and guide for determining postage rates may be obtained by remitting 75 cents by money order to the chief clerk, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

BE CAREFUL TO SPECIFY THE CITY OR TOWN WHERE THE MAP IS TO BE USED.

Further information may be obtained at any post office.



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